

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 11th August 2013

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held at Raheen House, Clonmel on Thursday 15th of August 2013 at 8pm. This meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are in particular very welcome to attend. A number of radio related topics are up for discussion as well as plans for participation in upcoming events. For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group go to [www.ei7trg.org](http://www.ei7trg.org)

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## **The Shannon Basin Radio Club**

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will once again be hosting the SSB field day on the weekend of 7th and 8th September. The club would like to invite clubs or individual ops to the grounds of Garbally College, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway to take part in the contest. Ample space is available for antennas, parking and camping if needs be. The club will be having its famous barbeque on the Saturday evening the 7th. For further information please contact Brian EI8IU at [brianei8iu /at/ eircom.net](mailto:brianei8iu@eircom.net).

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## **Mayo Radio Experimenters Network**

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network will take part in the lighthouse and lightship weekend. They will activate Blacksod Lighthouse in Belmullet for the third year and hope to hear you all

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## **DX News**

Ten operators from the Melaka DX Club in West Malaysia will be active from Undan Island from 16 – 18 August. They will use the callsign 9M2MI. QSOs will count as AS-097 for the Islands on the Air Award and will also qualify for the various Lighthouse awards. QSLs go via 9M2YOT.

Luc ON6DSL is going on holiday to Crete and will be QRV as SV9/ON6DSL/P from 12 – 21 August. He plans to operate on a regular basis from the beach. QSLs go via his home call.

Another holiday-maker is Andy G7COD who will be in Gran Canaria until 31 August. He will be active on all bands 30 – 6m using the callsign EA8/G7COD.

Abubaker DL1AL has been reported as QRV as 5A1AL in Tripoli, Libya. This is the first activity from Libya for a number of years. Abubaker was originally licensed as 5A1A in the 1990's.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

South Dublin Radio Club are "on holidays" and will re-open on Tuesday 20th August. Club meetings are held in the Ballyroan Community Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham every Tuesday at 8.00 pm: visitors and new members are always welcome.

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### **Limerick Radio Club**

Limerick Radio Club will be QRV from Loop Head Lighthouse nr IE009 in Co. Clare for ILLW weekend on 17th and 18th August.

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### **Galway Amateur Radio Club**

Galway Amateur Radio Club will be participating in this years annual International Amateur Radio Lighthouse weekend event. This is the oldest and original International Amateur Radio Lighthouse weekend event. It is not a competition but a fun weekend for all involved. This year's event runs from 17-18 August 2013 - Duration 48 hours from 0001 UTC 17.8.2013.

Galway Amateur Radio Club will be activating Inis Oirr Island, the smallest of the Aran islands using the call sign EJ4INIS and will have the advantage of being both a lighthouse and an island. We will be ably assisted by some of the members from Shannon Basin Amateur Radio Club. We anticipate running at least 2 transceivers and multi mode operation during the weekend. We invite all Irish amateurs to give us a call.

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### **The Sun's Magnetic Field**

NASA report something big is about to happen on the sun. According to measurements from NASA-supported observatories, the sun's vast magnetic field is

about to flip.

"It looks like we're no more than 3 to 4 months away from a complete field reversal," says a solar physicist at Stanford University. "This change will have ripple effects throughout the solar system."

The sun's magnetic field changes polarity approximately every 11 years. It happens at the peak of each solar cycle as the sun's inner magnetic dynamo re-organizes itself. The coming reversal will mark the midpoint of Solar Cycle 24. Half of 'Solar Max' will be behind us, with half yet to come.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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